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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Security Documentation, Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy

1. At the request of Thomas J. Reckford, Staff Assistant on Intelligence, Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy, the undersigned and Mr. [REDACTED] Security, met with various members of the Commission and staff prior to this morning's meetings. In response to his request, I met with Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) and Mr. Robert Hough, Deputy Sergeant at Arms of the Senate. Although it was very evident by his manner that Senator Mansfield was thoroughly annoyed, he had very little to say in the conversation between him, Mr. Hough, and myself. 25X1

2. In response to my question that I understood he had some question about the security arrangements for the security briefing of Commission members, he responded with the simple statement, "I don't think they should sign any documents." I told him we would be pleased to waive this requirement and a simple memorandum for record would be substituted for the documentation indicating the individuals had been the recipients of certain information during the Director's briefing and they had been given a limited briefing on the sensitivity of the information and the need for proper handling thereof.

3. Senator Mansfield stated he had no question concerning the handling of the arrangements during the Director's briefing, that the Agency's use of the Sergeant at Arms' conference room for audio counter-measures was completely proper, but he felt it was atrocious that an individual would ask to sit in his office and then set up all kinds of equipment in the room. He said when he saw this he ordered it taken down.

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4. At this point in the conversation Mr. [] and Mrs. Jane Englehard joined us indicating in effect that Mrs. Englehard, after talking to Mr. [] had no reservations whatsoever about signing the documentation. She was advised, as were the other members of the Commission, that at Senator Mansfield's request formal signing of the documentation was being waived. Mr. [] and I were thanked for our assistance.

5. I met briefly with William B. Spong, General Counsel of the Commission, and brought him up-to-date on the events of the morning. He asked that I drop by and see him in his office in a week or so when we can discuss the details.

6. I also met with Dr. David Abshire, of the Commission, in the hall and in a very few sentences filled him in on the events of the morning.

7. Late today I received a call from Tom Reckford who told me the Commission had held an executive session after the completion of this morning's meetings and that Chairman Murphy, after the conclusion of the executive session, had read the riot act to the Commission staff on their failure to keep on top of the arrangements made for the briefings and the staff's failure to keep the Commission advised of the details. Reckford indicated he has been charged with the responsibility for detailing the facts, particularly with regard to the arrangements made for the use of Senator Mansfield's office by State Department personnel for audio surveillance.

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